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Applicants: **Toshihisa Saruta**

Group Art Unit: **2861**

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Examiner: **Anh T.N. Vo**

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TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE DECLARATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.175 and M.P.E.P. §§ 1414.01 and 1444,
Applicant submits herewith a Supplemental Reissue Declaration for the subject application.

37 C.F.R. § 1.175 and M.P.E.P. § 1414.01 require that, where claims were amended during prosecution, as the claims in this case were, a Supplemental Reissue Declaration must be submitted before allowance. Specifically, the Reissue Declaration was filed on November 30, 2001; afterward, claims were amended in Preliminary Amendments filed on May 6, 2004, and October 10, 2006.

The Examiner did not require such a Supplemental Reissue Declaration, and so failed to comply with M.P.E.P. § 1444, which states "the examiner will issue a final Office action where the application is otherwise in condition for allowance, and amendments or other

corrections of error in the patent have been made subsequent to the last oath/declaration filed in the application."

Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the outstanding Notice of Allowance be withdrawn, prosecution of the merits reopened so that the Supplemental Reissue Declaration can be entered, and a new Notice of Allowance mailed.

No fees are believed to be owed in connection with this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees now or hereafter due to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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